

Hood River Glacier.

HOOD RIVER, OR., AUG. 31, 1889.

A SENATORIAL VISITOR.

Hon. J. H. Mitchell visited The Dalles Wednesday for the purpose of examining his political fences. Our reporter interviewed him on the matter of opening the Columbia and the forfeiture of the lands held out for the Northern Pacific. With regard to the locks, the Senator spoke very hopefully, and thinks the fact that many Eastern congressmen have visited this section during the summer will open their eyes to the magnitude of the river and the country tributary to it, and that a large appropriation can be secured. Of the forfeiture question he said: "For several sessions the senate has passed a bill forfeiting the lands from Wallula to Portland, but the house has always refused to pass the bill, insisting on forfeiting all that portion of the grant, through which the road was uncompleted during the time prescribed in the granting act." He further stated that he thought the bill would be passed by the senate the coming session, and was of the opinion the house would yield the point and pass it. He stated very frankly that he was opposed to forfeiting any of the lands where the road was completed as it was contrary to law, and he said it in such a frank, plausible way that looking in his pleasant eyes we were almost tempted to believe that he believed what he said. It may be true that the forfeiture of lands along the completed roads would not be sustained by the U. S. supreme court, but if this is the case, the laws are interpreted one way for the settler, and another for the corporations. Time was of the essence of contract as much with the building of the railroad, as it is with the perfecting title by the settler. The Senator's time was well taken up, in cheering the weary hearts of impatient office seekers, and from the number gathered around him, we judge our neighboring city intends to furnish material for all the offices in the state and Alaska. They were thicker than flies around a molasses barrel.

IRRIGATION.

So far the irrigation question has developed three sides, one being firmly in favor of it, another against it, and the third what might be termed a mugwump, taking a little of both, and that judiciously. In the meanwhile no steps are taken towards getting a supply of water, and the chances are that the three theories will remain for some time at least, incapable of demonstration. We have spent the larger portion of our life in a country where irrigation was practiced, and our experience satisfies us that irrigation will not produce malaria, that if properly managed it will not produce a premature or too abundant growth, but that it will aid in every instance, both trees and small fruits, as well as grains and grasses. One thing is certain, that by the aid of irrigation, alfalfa can be produced in abundance, at least three crops a year, and the common red clover will produce almost, if not quite as well, if properly irrigated. It is true, that the injudicious use of water will injure fruit trees and that it will ruin an alfalfa patch quicker than anything else, but that is not the fault of the system, but the faultiness of the application of it. Because one case of injudicious application of water has produced an overgrowth of wood, is no more proof that the system is at fault, than is the fact that an unwise overloading of open digestive organs with unripe plums proves that plums are unfit for food. The only thing to fear in the matter of irrigation is scarcity of water, as a little experience will convince anyone that properly used, the benefits derived from being able to furnish your plants with water when they need it, are incalculable.

THE GLACIER.

The burning of the bridges between here and Portland has delayed the shipping of our material, and we will be unable to get it here before next Wednesday or Thursday. This will compel us to print the next issue, as we have heretofore, at The Dalles. Should no other unforeseen accidents occur, however, the number after the next will be printed on our own press at home. As soon as we get straightened around a little we intend to make the paper six

columns. We have been at a big expense to put the plant here, as we have in printing the paper heretofore, nor is there any prospect of it being self-sustaining for some time yet, and we therefore ask our subscribers to be as prompt in paying for the paper as possible. The individual amounts are small but in the aggregate will go a long ways towards putting us on a sound financial basis. We have cast our fortune among you, and shall endeavor to do all in our power to advance the interests of Hood River and vicinity. Whatever benefits this section, benefits us as well as every other citizen, and we feel that in laboring for the advancement of all we are working for ourselves.

A FLUME AND MILL.

Mr. Stoddard proposes to extend his flume to this point and put up his planing mill here, provided the right of way for his flume is secured to him. It strikes us that there would be little or no difficulty in procuring this, and we should make an earnest endeavor to accomplish it at once. In the near future, one, and perhaps two sawmills will be erected here, and the lumbering industry will be a very important one. Let us assist in making Mr. Stoddard's the beginning of our manufacturing industries. The river will bring the forest from its headwaters to our doors, but the Stoddard flume will make the western side of the valley tributary to this point. Besides all this, the concentration of the lumber shipments of this section at Hood River, will give it a reputation, and add materially to its advancement and prosperity.

It is to be hoped that the O. R. & N. will see the necessity of making some arrangements for loading wood on the cars here. At present this work is only accomplished with difficulty and requires a strong ignorant man to do it; strong to stand it, and ignorant to stay with it, either this or untoward circumstances, over which a man has no control, are required to do the work. Very soon the post drive will be here and 60,000 posts will have to be loaded on the cars here. This is quite a job at the best, but with the present facilities, will require double the work it should. And while the company is making this improvement it should also get rid of that miserable little disgracing sand bank by the depot. It is the only spot of sand in the neighborhood, and is situated just where it shouldn't be.

THE WASCO FAIR.

Few people, even of this county, have any idea of the Hood river valley or its resources. A good exhibit, such as we can make easily, at the coming fair at The Dalles will be the best advertisement we can make. To make the exhibit a success every farmer should send something. The pavillion is large and room abundant, so no fears need be entertained that the exhibit will be too large. Make up your mind now that you will send some of your products to the fair, and then send them. We venture the assertion that several hundred dollars in premiums would come this way, enough to more than pay all expenses, and we get the benefit of the advertisement besides.

It is high time a ferry boat be put on here to accommodate the public. That the recent effort in this line was a failure is not positive proof that it is impossible to build a ferry boat. There is much trade awaiting us across the river if cheap and speedy means of crossing the Columbia can be obtained, and as we are the parties to be benefitted by the trade, it behooves us to make another effort to establish a ferry.

The fight between Jack Dempsey and La Blanche came off at San Francisco Tuesday, resulting in Dempsey being knocked out in the thirty-second round by a blow on the nose. As La Blanche weighed 161 pounds the fight was not for the middle-weight championship, which, therefore, still remains with Dempsey.

The Dalles Items.

Wasco Sun.

Monday morning a bridge and trestle near Wyeth burned, and since then passengers and baggage have been transferred by boat. It is reported that another bridge was fired between the trestle and bridge that were burned Monday night. It will be several days before the trains are again running on time.

The flour from the Curtis' mill, named the Diamond mills, is on the market

and is of excellent quality. The bakeries are using it and are much pleased with it, as their customers are with the bread. Mr. Keller says that as soon as the flour gets a little age it will be equal to any made on the coast. Our citizens are doing their duty and the grocers tell us every order for flour calls for the "New Mill" brand.

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